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1. We are currently undertaking these projects to support policy initiatives in China:

-- We are preparing a paper for State Policy Planning on the Chinese position on a wide range of international issues. These include such issues as nuclear proliferation, terrorism, and Law of the Sea. In doing this, we are searching for areas where there is a commonality of US-Chinese interests. The State Department will be using our paper to formulate approaches to the Chinese,

-- NSC has asked us to do a series of papers on weapons systems which might be made available to the Chinese. In addition, they have asked us to review dual-purpose technology and equipment currently on the COCOM restricted list for possible release to the Chinese.

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3. Vice-President Mondale's forthcoming trip to the Far East is clearly the most important policy move by the US. We will be providing him with briefings on the Asian countries he will visit in the Far East, i.e., Philippines, [REDACTED], and Thailand.

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4. From an intelligence point of view, I suggest a more promising approach might be to begin discussions with the Chinese here in Washington on the problem of the Soviet Union with the objective of expanding this into an intelligence exchange. I have made a separate proposal to this effect.

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